

WELSH COAL MINE STRIKERS DECIDE TO START WORK

Walkout Despite Government's Threat to Enforce Munitions Act—Ties Up Mines.

Men Refuse to Defer Action Pending Decision by Executive Leaders of Controlling Labor Organization Expected Today.

LONDON, July 15.—The Secretary of the Miners Federation announced this afternoon that work in the Welsh mines would be resumed Monday.

It is announced that a settlement of the coal strike in all districts is expected this evening.

The Executive Council of the miners' organization met early this afternoon. It was expected they would confer with Government officials later in the day and would advise the men to return to work on daily contracts, pending a final settlement.

At 7 o'clock this afternoon leaders of the striking miners announced that 150,000 had quit work. All the mines in the Swansea, Maesteg, Aberdare, Monmouthshire, Heath, Avon and Rhondda districts are closed.

The men walked out against the advice of the majority of their leaders. They urged that they defer action pending the decision of the executive body of the South Wales Federation of Miners today. By their action they virtually dared the Government to proceed under the new munitions act and attempt to collect the £25 a day fine imposed on each striker who quits work without awaiting arbitration and interferes with the production of munitions of war.

The walk-out came at a time when it appeared probable that the difficulties between the miners and the colliery owners would be settled. The executive council of the Federation was expected today to reach a decision with the Government by which terms of arbitration would be agreed upon.

Newport, on the Irish Sea, reported the first distress today as the result of the coal miners' dispute. Virtually all the railway lines carrying coal to the docks were suspended and a number of vessels arriving in the harbor for coal were forced to lie idle.

The strike probably will last only until the end of this week, some of the miners said today. In the meantime they believe an investigation by the Government will prove their claims well founded.

"We do not want to embarrass the Government at this time," said one of the strike leaders today. "But we believe now is the time to strike against organized greed."

The colliery owners are making huge profits out of the war. We know that they plan to close their pits indefinitely when their coffers are filled at the end of the struggle and starve us into submission to their terms. All we ask is a fair deal for our men and their families."

Portugal's Ex-Premier Still Alive LISBON, July 15.—An official bulletin issued here today denies the report sent out from Madrid that Ex-Premier Costa has died from the wound recently inflicted by an assassin and states that he is improving.

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast WASHINGTON, July 15.

For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, with probable thunder showers; not much change in temperature; light to moderate variable winds.

Showers occurred in New England and the lower St. Lawrence valley yesterday and conditions have since cleared over those districts. Thunder showers are reported from the Lake region, the Ohio and Tennessee valleys and nearly the whole Missouri basin and the adjoining Canadian provinces. The principal weather disturbance is central over western Kansas and Nebraska, and is apparently moving toward the Lake region. The temperature distribution continues more or less freakish in the eastern half of the country. There was a local rise of 3 degrees over a small area extending from New York to Baltimore, with Philadelphia as a centre.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin Observations taken at 8 a. m. Eastern time.

Table with columns: Station, Temp., Wind, Weather. Lists weather data for various cities like Albany, New York, Boston, etc.

Observations at Philadelphia 8 A. M.

On the Pacific Coast San Francisco Weather clear, Temp. 64; Los Angeles Weather cloudy, Temp. 64.

Almanac of the Day Sun sets 7:28 p. m.; Moon sets 8:21 p. m.

Lamps to be Lighted Autos and other vehicles 7:44 p. m.

The Tides PORT RICHMOND, High water 4:04 p. m.; Low water 11:11 a. m.

CHESTNUT STREET WHARF High water 4:04 p. m.; Low water 11:11 a. m.

SPRY ISLAND High water 4:04 p. m.; Low water 11:11 a. m.

BREAKWATER High water 4:04 p. m.; Low water 11:11 a. m.

PRESIDENT TO INFORM CABINET OF PLANS ON REPLY NEXT TUESDAY

Wilson Will Leave Cornish in Time to Be Present at Meeting of Advisers Who Will Discuss Answer to Germany.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—President Wilson will return to Washington from his summer home at Cornish, N. H., in time for a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, it was announced at the White House today.

It is understood that the Cabinet meeting will be devoted to discussion of preliminary memoranda on the forthcoming note to Germany, drafted by President Wilson and by Secretary of State Lansing.

Progress is being made both here and at Cornish, where the President is now preparing to end his three weeks' vacation on the answer to Germany's second note regarding the sinking of the Lusitania and the future activities of the Kaiser's submarines.

Secretary Lansing is understood to have received a long letter from President Wilson regarding the German situation, and he has likewise written the Chief Executive outlining his tentative views concerning the nature of the forthcoming reply. Before his reply is framed, it will be known here today, the Secretary of State is to hold a conference with Ambassador von Bernstorff.

The Ambassador again desires to outline in person the views of his Government, and is understood to be doing all in his power to bring about an amicable adjustment of the present controversy, which came to a head when a German submarine destroyed many American lives aboard the Lusitania.

There are no outward developments today regarding the nature of the reply which this Government will dispatch to Berlin, but there continues to be the gravest under-the-surface concern over the entire situation. Official Washington is unable accurately to forecast this Government's exact attitude because it is recognized that the President himself will write the reply, and that the members of the Cabinet will be behind him in almost any attitude.

Ambassador von Bernstorff, who sent a personal representative to Berlin to explain more fully the feeling in the United States over Germany's submarine warfare, it is reported today, caused the inclusion in the German reply of the paragraph expressing the Berlin hope that Germany and the United States would work together for the freedom of the seas. While the force of this conciliatory paragraph is diminished by the evasiveness of other parts of the German reply, the approval of the Ambassador to avoid friction in the Cabinet is a most hopeful sign in the difficulties besetting the two nations.

Secretary Lansing today said that no deal has been set for the conference between himself and the German Ambassador, but it probably will be held late this week or next Monday. The Secretary explained that he still is studying the German note and is not yet prepared to go into conference concerning the answer of this Government.

ITALIANS TAKE TWO MILES OF TRENCHES

Forts South of Gorizia Also Fall Before Attack of General Cadorna's Troops.

GENEVA, July 15.—The Italians have captured two miles of Austrian trenches in the Carnic Alps, according to a dispatch received from Villach, an Austrian town on the River Drave, 52 miles northwest of Laibach.

The Alpine troops, the advices say, dragged their artillery to the heights near Retz, the Italian slope of which is at an altitude of 5600 feet.

The Italians also are said to have captured two important forts south of Gorizia.

Private advices describe the battle of the Isonzo River as the greatest fought since the Italian front, the attacks of the Italians being almost incessant and most determined.

The bridgehead of Gorizia has suffered greatly from the bombardment of the Italians who seem resolute to carry the position at whatever cost in order to develop the operations on the east side of the river. The whole front along the line is strewn with thousands of dead. The mountain slopes are also spotted with the bodies of attacked and defenders alike.

The new Italian offensive seems to develop all along the Italian front, the counter-attacks of the Austrians being less frequent and less determined.

A new device has been adopted by the Austrians. The peaks and high slopes of the mountains have been fortified, and the men are under cover behind rocks and great stones built up all around. When attacked by great masses from below they blow up these fortified positions so that the boulders roll down on the oncoming enemy like an avalanche.

ITALIANS COVER CHURCH IMAGES; FEAR AIR RAIDS

VENICE, July 15.—Only one small figure of Christ greeted worshippers in the great Cathedral of St. Mark's today. During the night all other figures of the apostles and saints were covered in heavy wrappings—suggestive of trees bundled up for winter—to protect them against Austrian air raids. This action was taken at the direction of the military in reports that Austria is contemplating a great air raid on Venice.

In the fourth air raid on Venice Sunday night, bombs fell dangerously near the famous cathedral. It became known today that the police permitted this report to be made public, but declared no damage was done.

As a further safeguard, the golden angels surmounting the towers of St. Mark's were being painted a khaki hue today. They seemed ready in their war paint, to spring into the sky and give battle to the aeroplanes.

VIENNA DENIES LOSS OF ANY SUBMARINES

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Austria has not lost a single submarine since the latter entered the war, the Austrian Embassy announced here today. A cablegram from Vienna, given out by the Embassy, read:

"Contrary to reports in the Italian papers that in revenge for the sinking of the Italian battleship Amalfi, the Austrians sunk three Austro-Hungarian submarines it has been ascertained that the Austro-Hungarian navy, during the progress of the war, with the exception of one, has not lost a single submarine. Likewise, all reported damage by the Italian navy to Austro-Hungarian submarines are wholly untrue."

RIVER RHINE'S 15 BRIDGES



An agitation has been started in England by H. G. Wells, the author, and others, for the building by the Allies of a fleet of 2000 aeroplanes for the purpose of destroying the railway bridges over the Rhine, by means of which the German armies get their supplies. Wells contends that the 2000 machines would cost no more than a single dreadnought.

GERMAN ACTIVITY VEILS NEW LINES IN NORTHERN POLAND

LONDON, July 15.—The activity of the Germans in northern Poland is judged to be a demonstration to veil a rearrangement of their troops.

It is not believed the calm will last, as it is vital for the Germans to act promptly.

In the Courland and Kovno Governments the Germans have shown no demonstration to advance.

Near Oswiec there are signs the Teuton allies have more serious intentions, as they recently have been reinforcing their artillery.

The following dispatch has been received from a correspondent from Petrograd:

"I have been three days with the 3d Russian Army, which has seen the hardest of fighting. This is the army which entered Galicia at the extreme east last year and fought aroundemberg, Grodek, Przemysl and thence into the Carpathians."

"It has now been fighting all the way back, with the same determination and stubbornness as enabled it, during its advance of 10 months to capture, as its commander informed me, 30,000 prisoners."

"I have motored about 100 miles, observing the advanced positions. I have talked with scores of officers of all ranks in the army which, during its retirement, inflicted greater losses than it received, and made any impression on the Russians."

"The resulting losses at evening were estimated at 3000."

PETROGRAD REPORTS PANIC IN LEMBERG FROM CHOLERA

LONDON, July 15.—The Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent wires the following:

"All enemy troops have been withdrawn from Lemberg, owing to terrible epidemics which are raging there. An epidemic of cholera in particular has caused a panic."

Refugees are pouring into Russian territory, the dispatch adds, and among them are cabmen from Lemberg who areplying for hire. The population of Galicia is reported to be starving because the Austro-Germans have requisitioned every sort of foodstuff. All who can are escaping from Lemberg to Russia.

A dispatch from Lemberg to the Overseas News Agency of Berlin says that the University of Lemberg, following the occupation of the Galician capital by Austro-Hungarian forces, has reopened and that students are again taking the regular course of the university under a staff of teachers.

The Berlin official report states that "between the Niemen and the Vistula (North Poland) our troops have obtained some local successes in the neighborhood of Kalwaria, southeast of Kolno, at Przasnys, and south of Mlawa. There is no change in the southeastern theatre of war."

The Russian official communication reports the capture of 27 officers and 2,464 men in the battle south of Lublin during the week ended July 11.

RUSSIANS RETREAT 5 MILES ALONG VISTULA-BOBR LINE

PETROGRAD, July 15.—While the Russians on the Vistula-Bohr front, in northern Poland, have repulsed the German's infantry attacks, the Czar's troops have been compelled to fall back five miles southeast of Mlawa under a terrific bombardment from heavy guns that destroyed their first line of trenches.

While admitting the retreat at the center of the 140-mile front lying between the

VIENNA REPORTS ARTILLERY DUELS ON ITALIAN FRONT

VIENNA, July 15.—The War Office yesterday issued the following bulletin concerning the operations on the Italian front:

"In the Italian theatre of war, with the exception of artillery engagements and skirmishes, there have been no events on either the south or the west front."

Sketch Club Being Remodeled Extensive alterations are being made at the Philadelphia Sketch Club home, on Camac street, for the purpose of obtaining a large room for the club exhibitions. The Sketch Club was the first of the small clubs to invade Camac street. The changes will be principally on the second floor of the building.

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ALLIES AGAIN LAUNCH ATTACKS BY LAND AND SEA UPON TURK FORTS

Two More Important Positions on Hills Around Krithia Captured by Advancing Anglo-French Forces.

ATHENS, July 15.—Another determined assault by land and water on the Dardanelles is being made by the allied forces. After a series of desperate attacks on the Turkish positions north of Krithia, the Anglo-French forces have captured two more important Turkish positions located on the further hills.

The Allies, despite great losses, are advancing on the Turkish redoubts around Achille Bay.

Many Turkish prisoners were captured in this engagement.

One part of the allied fleet is now bombarding the southern end of the Gallipoli Peninsula with a hot fire.

Several warships inside the Dardanelles are engaging the forts on the Asiatic side. Accompanying the reports of reverses to the Turkish army came insistent rumors that Turkey is weary of war.

It is declared that its supply of ammunition is running very low, and that there is no prospect of the supply being replenished, because of Rumania's refusal to allow munitions to cross her borders.

The sentiment in Constantinople is declared to be strongly in favor of a separate peace.

The Germans, however, are seizing all premises and offices wherein any spark of the conflagration, which would inevitably destroy them, might start.

The Germans dominate the situation solely by force. The vessel had in Turkey, but against this contingency the Germans have taken every precaution.

BERLIN ADMITS U. S. SHIP HIT BY SUBMARINE

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experience in the area of maritime war, no neutral steamships, traversed this war area without flag and markings, he attacked the vessel with a torpedo in the conviction that he had an enemy vessel before him. Some time after the shot the commander saw that the vessel had in the meantime hoisted the American flag. As a consequence he, of course, refrained from any further attack.

"Since the vessel remained afloat he had no occasion to concern himself further with the boats which had been launched."

"It results from this without a doubt that the attack on the steamship Nebraska was not meant for the American flag nor is it traceable to any fault on the part of the commander of the German submarine, but is to be considered an unfortunate accident. The German Government expresses its regret at the occurrence to the Government of the United States of America and declares its readiness to make compensation for the damage thereby sustained by American citizens."

Secretary of State Lansing said today that the last sentence in the memorandum indicated that the German Government would compensate the owners of the Nebraska without taking the case to a prize court.

It is understood that Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, who is to call on Secretary Lansing today or tomorrow, will add his personal regret to those contained in the memorandum that an American vessel should have been attacked.

AUSTRIA SAYS ITALIANS UNDERESTIMATED FOES

VIENNA, July 15.—Italy underestimated Austria's preparedness for attack on her Italian frontier, according to a red book issued by the Government today. The document dealt with Italy's preparations for the war and her allegations that Austria's ultimatum to Serbia upset the balance of power in the Balkans.

Business Science Club Has Outing

War stories and athletic games will be the feature of the annual outing of the Business Science Club of Philadelphia, which takes place today at the Bon Air Country Club, located near 95th and Market streets. Roland S. Morris, who recently returned from Europe, will speak on "Experiences in the War Zone."

TENTS to HIRE ALL SIZES Water Proofing BERNARD MCGURDY Phone 110 NORTH NINTH STREET

MEANING OF MOVES IN TODAY'S WAR NEWS

Reports from both Germany and England show that each nation is fearful of aerial attacks by the other. The placing of Kiel, the German naval base, in a state of siege is probably based upon information that the British air fleet is contemplating an attack there. On the other hand, England is alarmed by reports that a German Zeppelin was reported flying westward, but there is no information to show that an attack was actually made at any point on the coast.

Defying the British Government's threat to invoke the provisions of the munitions act, 150,000 Welsh miners have declared a strike, which if it lasts any length of time will seriously embarrass the nation in its war operations.

The conflicting dispatches on the operations in the West leave a great deal of doubt as to the intentions of both sides as far as the undertaking of an offensive all along the line is concerned. Although London admits that the Germans have begun such a movement, the situation, despite the German gain in the Argonne region, does not seem to warrant such an opinion. It is possible that in reporting the commencement of a German offensive the Allies are endeavoring to cover such a move on their own part.

The situation in North and South Poland is virtually unchanged. The plans of the Germans are by no means clear, but that great movements are impending is quite certain.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE ADMITS GERMAN GAIN IN ARGONNE REGION

Communique Shows Teuton Advance in Drive Toward Verdun—Kaiser's Troops Recapture Forest of Beaurain.

PARIS, July 15.—Today's official report from the French War Office admits that the Germans have succeeded in making a new gain in the Argonne, but also announces the capture by French troops of a line of trenches in the district north of Arras.

The little forest of Beaurain, in the Argonne, has been the scene of a fighting for 21 hours. It was captured from the Germans by the French troops Wednesday, but last night the Germans regained their lost ground by a fierce counter-attack.

The text of the official communique follows:

"There was considerable activity during the night in the region to the north of Arras. To the south of the Chateau de Ceaulx we captured a line of German trenches. Around Neuville, St. Vaast and the 'Labyrinth' last night's conflicts were with grenades."

"In the Argonne the conflict was limited to the region situated west of the Argonne forest, where we made progress yesterday. To the north of the road from Servon, after a series of counter attacks the Germans succeeded in regaining a foothold in the forest of Beaurain. In the rest of that sector the situation has undergone no modification."

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I want to thank you for your kindness in helping me, and trust I will be able to do the work in a manner that will show you how much I appreciate it.

Sincerely yours, WILLBERT A. SMITH, 516 Atlantic Ave., Audubon, N. J.

Phila., July 7, 1915.

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Wishing you all future success, I remain Very truly yours, VERA BENDLINGER.

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Thanking you again, I remain Sincerely yours, MARGARET S. KRANZLEY.

KIEL IN STATE OF SIEGE; FEARS GREAT AIR RAID

German Admiral Preparing Naval Base for Expected British Attack.

LONDON, July 15.—The German Admiralty has proclaimed a state of siege in anticipation of an attack by British aeroplanes and submarines upon great naval base, according to an official communication issued last night said:

"Our aviators, continuing their bombing enterprises, succeeded yesterday in causing important damage to the station at Libercourt, the military barracks between Douai and Lille. One squadron of 20 aeroplanes dropped on the buildings and roads 21 shells of 30 millimetres (about six inches).

"Aeroplanes, furnished with cannon, which were part of the squadron, bombarded a train that had come to a stop between two stations, and also obliged a German aeroplane to come to the ground."

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